



MIAMI BEACH

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

NO. LTC # 035-2006

LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Mayor David Dermer and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jorge M. Gonzalez, City Manager

DATE: February 2, 2006

SUBJECT: Board and Committee Bi-Annual Reports

Pursuant to City Code Section 2-22(13) - "The Chairperson or his designee shall biannually submit a completed written report form, supplied by the City Administration, to the City Commission and City Manager."

Attached for your perusal are the reports submitted to the City Clerk's Office.

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The following Boards and Committees have not submitted their report:

Disability Access Committee
Community Development Advisory Committee
Community Relations Board
Debarment Committee
Golf Advisory
Health Advisory Committee
Health Facilities Authority Board
Hispanic Affairs Committee
Park and Recreational Facilities Board
Production Industry Council
Public Safety Advisory Committee
Youth Center Advisory Board

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BOARD OR COMMITTEE NAME: Art in Public Places (AIPP)
CHAIRPERSON: Heather Urban
CITY LIAISON: Dennis Leyva
NUMBER OF MEETINGS HELD SINCE July 1 2005: 8 Meetings

ACTIVITY:

1. AiPP Project Collins Park – Received 5 artist proposals, narrowed it down to two artists: Brian Tolle & Tobias Rehberger
2. AiPP Project South Pointe Park – Created a competition for two artists: Iñigo Manglano-Ovalle & Jorge Pardo
3. AiPP Project South Pointe – Met with artist at studio to see progress. Set schedule and deadlines for artist Paul Fullerton's completed work.
4. AiPP Restoration & Maintenance Plan
5. Resolution Additional Funding AiPP

FUTURE ACTIVITIES

1. Final Selection of Artist South Pointe Park
2. Final Selection of Artist Collins Park
3. Create call to artists for Miami Beach Manhole Covers, then narrow search
4. Entrance to Mid-Beach Additional Installation of Halos
5. Citywide Plan for Permanent & Temporary Exhibitions
6. Implementation Maintenance & Restoration Program
7. Installation Kevin Arrow Work North Beach
8. Oversee progress of Altos del Mar Sculpture Park
9. Continue with Restoration and Maintenance Plan
10. Discuss possible future projects for the City – art lighting, artistic streetscape, additional lights for entrance of 41st Street, etc.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

1. Selection of artists for Collins Park
2. Selection of artists for South Pointe Park
3. Received additional funds from City for AIPP

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BOARD OR COMMITTEE NAME: Beach Preservation Committee

CHAIRPERSON: Claire Callen

CITY LIAISON: Jordanna Rubin

NUMBER OF MEETINGS HELD SINCE July 1 2005: 6

ACTIVITY:

1) Researched and reviewed Sea Turtle nesting issues with regard to artificial light sources used on or in close proximity to the beach endangering sea turtle hatchlings. Worked with City's environmental department to draft a Sea Turtle Nesting Protection Ordinance submitted to the Mayor and City Commission for their consideration and approval.
2) Discussed renewal of city-wide public beach concessionaire's contract. Held public hearing to obtain input from the public at large on renewal of said contract.
3) Discussed the monitoring of the progress of the Beach Walk project.
4) Discussed the cleanliness of the public beaches and enforcement of littering violations.
5) Recommended the hiring of addition to asset management office to monitor beach activities and violations.

FUTURE ACTIVITIES

1) Work with City officials to ensure the adoption of the Sea Turtle Protection Ordinance submitted to Mayor and City Commission for their approval. Ask that Ordinance be placed on the February 2006 Commission agenda for the first of two public hearings.
2) Recommend renewal of contract with current beach concessionaire for the City's public beaches with the condition that all terms and conditions of said contract are enforced.
3) Ensure enforcement of City's littering violation policy on beaches and dunes particularly with regard to bottles, straws, club fliers and other such debris brought from the land to the beaches.
4) Enact search for one more appointee to the Beach Preservation Board (recently, there have been two resignations from the board, but only one replacement appointee).

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

1) Drafting of Sea Turtle Protection Ordinance and submittal to Mayor and City Commission for approval.

2) Held public hearing on the renewal of contract with current beach concessionaire. Made recommendation to City to renew contract with the stipulation that all terms and conditions be enforced.

3) Obtained monitor of beach activities and violations through the hiring of additional staff person to City's asset management office.

4) Appointment of member to Beach Preservation Committee (one of two vacancies filled after resignation of two members).

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BOARD OR COMMITTEE NAME: ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

CHAIRPERSON: JASON LOEB

CITY LIAISON: _____ APRIL HIRSCH, Secretary to the Board

DATE OF REPORT: Jul 2005 through Dec 2005

NUMBER OF MEETINGS HELD DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD: 6

MEETING DATE	AGENDA ITEMS	APPROVED	DENIED	DISCUSSION	PRELIM		
					CONTINUED	EVALS	WORKSHOPS
Jul 2005	13	6		1	6		
Aug 05	21	12			9		
Sep 05	20	10		1	9		
Oct 05	13	6		2	5		
Nov 05	15	11		1	3		
Dec 05	16	11		2	3		
Totals:	98	56		7	35		

Note: Some totals may not match due to some items being removed from the Agenda at the last minute.

BIANNUAL BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Board or Committee Name	Budget Advisory Committee (BAC)
Chairperson	Jeryl (Deede) Weithorn
City Liaison	Jose Cruz
Number of Meetings Held Since July -Nov 2005	8

ACTIVITY:

7/12/05 Meeting was regarding:

- Continue Update on FY 2005/06 Budget Process

7/26/05 Meeting was regarding:

- Discuss CWA impasse meeting scheduled for August 1st
- Summary of FY 05/06 General Fund Proposed Budget

8/16/05 Meeting was regarding:

- Parks & Recreation FY 05/06 Proposed Budget
- Property Management, Sanitation and Stormwater FY 05/06 Proposed Budget

8/30/05 Meeting was regarding:

- CIP FY 05/06 Proposed Budget
- Code Compliance FY 05/06 Proposed Budget
- Summary of FY 05/06 General Fund Proposed Budget

9/13/05 Meeting was regarding:

- Neighborhood Services FY 05/06 Proposed Budget

9/27/05 Meeting was regarding:

- Update on CWA Negotiations
- Discuss Future BAC Agendas

10/11/05 Meeting was regarding:

- Update on CWA Negotiations
- Continue Discussion on Future BAC Agendas
- Review of Pension Proposals

11/8/05 Meeting was regarding:

- Continue Discussion on Future BAC Agendas

Future Activities:

Continue to look at long term budget impact items such as union contracts, analyzing revenue and expenses to determine if everyone is paying their fair share, pension issues, etc.

Review and comment on annual financial statements and quarterly financial results.

Continue to monitor and work with the IT department on technology cost issues and other IT programs, necessary.

Review medical insurance programs and their effects on the budget.

Review pension plans for long term budgetary impact and compare to comparable plans.

Work with the Commission on their request for BAC reviews.

Respond to and work with the community and the BAC members on financial issues brought to the Committee.

Continue to work with the administration on the 5-year budget.

Develop recommendations of City fiscal policies to be adopted as well as integration of those policies with budget

Accomplishments:

Review and commented on the budget.

Observed union negotiations process, reviewed long term budget of unions requests, revisited the impact as proposals changed.

Worked on long term budget and trend analysis by ourselves and with the Administration.

Looked at the City's trend for expenses and what was necessary to be in line with future revenue.

Worked with the Administration on the 5-year budget.

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BOARD OR COMMITTEE NAME: Committee for Quality Education

CHAIRPERSON: Karen Rivo

CITY LIAISON: Ellen Vargas

NUMBER OF MEETINGS HELD SINCE July 1 2005 - 4 meetings (August 16; September 13, November 22, and January 24, 2006)

ACTIVITY:

Discussion of the following issues has occurred: see accomplishments/future activity for more detail
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1) Miami Beach Senior High School Construction
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2) Childrens Trust grants

3) Identification of individual school needs/ concerns – "Better Places" websie

4) Academic Models – including K-8; 4x4 high school; and innovative model for Nautilus
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5) Homeowners Rebate

6) School Legislative Priorities 2005- 2006

7) Impact fees

8) Schools as voting precincts

9) Traffic concerns to schools related to 63 rd street bridge work

FUTURE ACTIVITIES

1) Beach High construction – the ongoing monitoring and support from the city will be integral to the successful construction of our city high school. We hope to expand the outdoor green space available to the students through a potential joint usage and reformation of the Par 3 space.

2) Beach High Academic Model – the school is being considered as a pilot for a new academic model. We will work to bring this model to the school – especially with support from our city.

3) Nautilus Middle School –a) we hope to examine the best academic model for our only middle school with support from our city; b) the school has requested a security fence around the field – we will examine the need for it and ask support from our city

4) Traffic impact to students from the future 63rd street bridge construction – we will ask for evaluation and discussion from the school transportation department and the city coordinators for the project to ensure the best traffic flow for our students. There is major concern that students arriving from the north end will be greatly impacted.

5) Voting precincts – schools are used as voting precincts. Concern for student safety as well as the inconvenience to the school has been raised. We will review with the election board the possibility of alternative locations.

6) Children's Trust grant – our committee will continue to be a part of the potential grant for our adolescent population .

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

1) Miami Beach Senior High School Construction - the city is assisting the school during its construction with fee waivers and the usage of city facilities for events previously held in the school, including sports events; the city is assisting with cleanup of swales after the hurricanes

Homeowners rebate – the city manager has requested “education language” for the form that will hopefully precede the rebate checks. The committee has polled the principals and is closely following the rebate issue in hopes that schools will receive a portion of the rebate for computer technology

Legislation – the Committee has motioned for the city commission to include the Miami-Dade County Public Schools “Key Legislative Priorities for 2005- 2006” to its legislative packet. Kevin Crowder spoke to the committee and explained the process.

Schools have concerns/issues such as repairing school street signs, cleaning swales etc. The committee is working to “formalize” the process for principals to communicate to the city. They are being informed about the “Better Places” program found on the city website.

Truancy Hotline – the school system has initiated a new school truancy hotline. The city has stated that they will post the information to our residents.

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Board or Committee Name	Committee on the Homeless
Chairperson	Juan Rojas
City Liaison	Maria Ruiz
Number of Meetings Held Since July 1, 2005	3

ACTIVITY:

1) The Committee continues its work on an outreach and awareness campaign

Targeting the faith community in hopes of getting more people engaged in addressing Homelessness in our City. The Committee has also hosted presentations by different Community-based providers as a way to establish greater dialogue and cooperation Among these key stakeholders.

2) The Committee has hosted meetings addressing the Harding Village project.

Future Activities:

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1) The committee will continue to support Operation Home Shore for businesses
And faith groups.

2) The Committee will work to identify additional funding for homeless outreach.

Accomplishments:

1) The Committee has engaged new community partners to actively participate in

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BOARD OR COMMITTEE NAME: MIAMI BEACH CONVENTION CENTER

CHAIRPERSON: Mr. Joe Fontana

CITY LIAISON: Ms. Clara La Rosa

NUMBER OF MEETINGS HELD SINCE July 1, 2005: Four (4) Advisory Board Meetings.

ACTIVITY:

➤ Approval of Rent Waiver for UNIDAD – Teen Workforce Training '05, valued at \$5,500.

➤ Approval of Rent Waiver for Stilt Walker Training Summer Program '05, valued at \$5,000.

➤ Approval of Rent Waiver for Rescuers in the Ring '05, valued at \$2,500 for a one-day event.

➤ Approval of Grant from CBC for the Cultural Arts Society's Ballet for Children event scheduled for April '06, valued at \$2,500.

➤ Approval of Rent Waiver for the Kiwanis Youth Ethics Conference in April '06. Estimated value \$5,000.

➤ Grant approval to cover rental cost to benefit Miami Contemporary Ballet's performance on September 30, 2005 to benefit Hurricane Katrina victims.

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ACTIVITY (cont.):

➤ Approval of Rent Waiver for the Academy of Hospitality and Tourism Student Conference, '06.
➤ Reviewed and approved Protection Clause for Food and Beverage Show '05.
➤ Further discussion on Cirque du Soleil opportunity and the future of the Jackie Gleason Theater.
➤ Reviewed and discussed the MBCC & JGT bookings.
➤ Reviewed status of Capital projects and Maintenance reports.

FUTURE ACTIVITIES:

☛ To continue to review Cirque du Soleil opportunity.

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BOARD OR COMMITTEE NAME: - FLOOD PLAIN MANAGEMENT BOARD

CHAIRPERSON: - JASON LOEB

CITY LIAISON: - APRIL HIRSCH, Secretary to the Board

DATE OF REPORT: Jul 2005 through Dec 2005

NUMBER OF MEETINGS HELD DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD: 3

*Board only meets as required.

MEETING DATE	AGENDA ITEMS	APPROVED	DENIED	DISCUSSION CONTINUED	PRELIM EVALS	WORKSHOPS
Jul 2005						
Aug 05	1	1				
Sep 05	2	2				
Oct 05						
Nov 05	1	1				
Dec 05						
Totals:	4	4				

Note: Some totals may not match due to some items being removed from the Agenda at the last minute.

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BOARD OR COMMITTEE NAME: - DESIGN REVIEW BOARD
CHAIRPERSON: - GREGORY NEVILLE
CITY LIAISON: - THOMAS R. MOONEY, AICP

DATE OF REPORT: Jul 2005 through Dec 2005

NUMBER OF MEETINGS HELD DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD: 4

MEETING DATE	AGENDA ITEMS	APPROVED	DENIED	DISCUSSION	CONTINUED	PRELIM EVALS	WORKSHOPS
Jul 2005	6	5			1		
Aug 05	6	6					
Sep 05	Meeting cancelled due to Hurricane Rita.						
Oct 05	17	16			1		
Nov 05	8	4		1	3		
Dec 05	Meeting cancelled due to realignment of schedule						
Totals:	37	31		1	5		

Note: Some totals may not match due to some items being removed from the Agenda at the last minute.

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BOARD OR COMMITTEE NAME: Fine Arts Board

CHAIRPERSON: Laura Bruney / George Neary

CITY LIAISON: Gary Farmer

NUMBER OF MEETINGS HELD SINCE July 1 2005 : 4

ACTIVITY:

Jacquie Roche selected as poster artist for 2006 Festival of the Arts

Jury for 2006 Festival of the Arts held November 16, 2005

Festival Patrons Sub-committee met Tuesday, November 29, 2005

Meet the poster artist event was held on December 15 at David's II on Meridian Avenue with 70 members of the public in attendance.

Poster rack card was developed and currently being passed out throughout Miami Dade County at events, gatherings and art fairs.

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FUTURE ACTIVITIES

32nd Annual Coldwell Banker Miami Beach Festival of the Arts will be held Saturday and Sunday, February 11 and 12, 2006, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Ocean Terrace in North Beach.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

<u>Approved Fiscal Year 05/06 Budget</u>
<u>Recommended \$613,810 in cultural grants to 47 not-for-profit arts organizations</u>
<u>Recommended six candidates for two CAC vacancies along with reappointment of four current members.</u>
<u>Adopted new grants program guidelines and processes; created new "Cultural Heritage" Grant Program.</u>

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BOARD OR COMMITTEE NAME: General Obligation Bond Oversight Committee

CHAIRPERSON: Mayor David Dermer

CITY LIAISON: Jorge E. Chartrand, CIP Office Acting Director

NUMBER OF MEETINGS HELD SINCE January 2005 six (6)

ACTIVITY:

- Monthly meetings are held and televised
- Status report on all projects are presented
- Funding recommendations and/or appropriations are discussed
- Proposed contract amendments are reviewed
- Community Meetings are summarized
- Upcoming Workshop and Community Meeting dates are presented

FUTURE ACTIVITIES

Continued oversight/recommendations regarding projects funded by the 1999 General Obligation Bond.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

The Committee provides continual oversight and review of all projects funded by the 1999 General Obligation Bond. The Committee continues to analyze the status of each project and offer recommendations on policy issues and funding appropriations.

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BOARD OR COMMITTEE NAME: HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD

CHAIRPERSON: MITCH NOVICK

CITY LIAISON: THOMAS R. MOONEY, AICP

DATE OF REPORT: Jul 2005 through Dec 2005

NUMBER OF MEETINGS HELD DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD: 6

MEETING DATE	AGENDA ITEMS	APPROVED	DENIED	DISCUSSION	CONTINUED	PRELIM EVALS	WORKSHOPS
Jul 2005	18	13			5		
Aug 05	10	6			2		
Sep 12/05	2			2			
Sep 13/05	17	13		1	3		
Oct 05	23	11		1	11		
Dec 05	27	13		4	10		
Totals:	97	56		10	31		

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Note: The November meeting was cancelled due to lack of a quorum.

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BOARD OR COMMITTEE NAME: Marine Authority Board

CHAIRPERSON: Morris Sunshine

CITY LIAISON: Alfredo Perez

NUMBER OF MEETINGS HELD SINCE July 1 2005 - Five meetings were held including July

ACTIVITY:

Reviews applications for the occupational licenses for business, which have an impact on the marine's environment in Miami Beach. The Board then makes recommendations

Concerning the approvals of these applications. The board also makes recommendations to the city manger and the city commission concerning any marine related issues that may have an impact on the city.

The board is constantly considering ways in which we can improve our water ways and help our environment.

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FUTURE ACTIVITIES

Continue to review the license applications.
Continue to make recommendations concerning marine safety issues.
Continue to research ways in which can improve the waterways.
To come up with a plan as to how the board can get involved with keeping our beaches and waterways safer and cleaner.
To find out how the board can get more power to ensure that the beaches and waterways are kept clean and safe for our children to play without harm to them or their families. For example cigarette buds which harm the environment and broken glass lying on the beach.
To review the plans for the upcoming boat show in 2007 to see how we can make the boat route safer for boaters.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

<u>Reviewed five applications.</u>
<u>The Board discussed</u> <u>The use of the Purdy street ramp.</u> <u>Improvements for the Boat show.</u> <u>Ways to improve our environment.</u> <u>Ways to I.D. Abandon vessels and have them removed from the waterways before they cause harm to someone.</u> <u>Proper mooring/anchoring area.</u>

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BOARD OR COMMITTEE NAME: Miami Beach Commission on the Status of Women

CHAIRPERSON: Gail Harris

CITY LIAISON: Maria E. Martinez

NUMBER OF MEETINGS HELD SINCE July 1 2005: 5

ACTIVITY:

1. Poverty and Homeless issues: Volunteering with the homeless, and the project purse. This is ongoing throughout the year.

2. Domestic Violence: Presentation at Miami Beach High School. Done in November.

3. Legislative Issues: Ongoing throughout the year.

FUTURE ACTIVITIES

1. Pay Equity: This will take place next April.

2. Women Worth Knowing Awards: Takes place every year in March.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Poverty and Homeless issues: Volunteering with the homeless, and the project purse. This is ongoing throughout the year.

Domestic Violence: Presentation at Miami Beach High School. Done in November.

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BOARD OR COMMITTEE NAME: Miami Beach Cultural Arts Council

CHAIRPERSON: Ada Llerandi

CITY LIAISON: Gary Farmer

NUMBER OF MEETINGS HELD SINCE July 1 2005: 5

ACTIVITY:

"Arts Coalition" open forum for artists and organizations held July 8, 2005

CAC Strategic Planning Retreat held July 9, 2005

Marketing Task Force met several times to refine and monitor ongoing marketing and advertising campaigns; Bristol Public Relations was retained for another six months.

Nominations Task Force met several times to consider candidates for two CAC vacancies.

Facilities Task Force met to monitor progress of Colony Theater and to consider plans for west side of Byron Carlyle, skate plaza adjacent to Carl Fisher Clubhouse, and expansion of New World Symphony's Lincoln Theatre campus.

By-laws Task Force examined CAC by-laws and recommended minor changes.

Cultural Grants Programs were reexamined and refined.

Education program proposal was developed with Arts for Learning/Miami after failure of negotiations with Miami Dade Public Schools Division of Life Skills.

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FUTURE ACTIVITIES

Fiscal year 06/07 Cultural Grants Programs begins application process January 13, 2006. Panel meetings will be concluded by the end of April.
Grand Opening of the Colony Theater t.b.a.
CAC sponsoring an art competition for all city employees and their families, in conjunction with the National Arts Program Foundation. Cash prizes and art scholarships will be awarded in several categories for both children and adults.
Arts Economic Impact Study, undertaken with Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs and Americans for the Arts, will be completed in Spring 2006.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

<u>Approved Fiscal Year 05/06 Budget</u>
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BOARD or COMMITTEE NAME:	PERSONNEL BOARD
CHAIRPERSON:	Orlando Alvarez
CITY LIASON:	Mayra D. Buttacavoli Director Human Resources and Risk Management
Period Covering:	July 2005 - December 2005

Activities:

- Discussion of Sick Leave Ordinance No. 1335.
- Discussion of criteria to be recommended by City Manager that Department Directors and Assistant Directors evaluations' include timeliness of performance evaluations completed by them and their department.
- Discussion of City Employee Awards
- Welcoming of new employee member, Renato Sejas.

Future Activities:

- Monitor Performance Evaluation Report and past due evaluations
- Approve New Job Specifications
- Hear Disciplinary Actions Appeals
- Hear Performance Evaluation Appeals
- Discuss Annual Employee Awards
- Discuss Employee Pin Party

Accomplishments:

- Discussion of conditions for non-member employees covered by a bargaining unit.
- Reviewed draft of City Policies and Procedures and Employee Handbook
- Requested Department Directors to lower past due on performance evaluations.

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BOARD OR COMMITTEE NAME: . PLANNING BOARD

CHAIRPERSON: . VICTOR DIAZ

CITY LIAISON: . MERCY LAMAZARES, AICP

DATE OF REPORT: Jul 2005 through Dec 2005

NUMBER OF MEETINGS HELD DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD: 4

MEETING DATE	AGENDA ITEMS	APPROVED	DENIED	DISCUSSION	CONTINUED	PRELIM EVALS	WORKSHOPS
Jul 2005	Meeting cancelled due to a lack of quorum						
Aug 05	21	11		6	4		1
Sep 05	10	3		3	4		1
Oct 05	Meeting cancelled due to Hurricane Wilma						
Nov 05	23	9		7	7		
Dec 05	12	3	1	6	2		
Totals:	68	26	1	22	17		2

Note: Some totals may not match due to some items being removed from the Agenda at the last minute.

BIANNUAL BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Board or Committee Name	Police Citizens Relations Board
Chairperson	Michael Finesilver
City Liaison	Chief Donald W. De Lucca
Number of Meetings Held Since June 1, 2005	5

ACTIVITY:

Minutes of June 21, 2005 Meeting

Members present:

Mike Finesilver	Claire Warren
Faye Goldin	Frank Kruszewski
Luis Norda	Kathy Wolfarth
Sidney Goldin	Regina Suarez
Sharon Kersten	D/C John DiCenso
Sam Feldman	

TOPICS: 1. Review of the City of Miami Beach Memorial Day After-Action Report and Arrest Statistics.

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND	2005	2005	2005	2004	2004	2004
	MBPD	AOA	TOTAL	MBPD	AOA	TOTAL
ADULT TOTAL	530	41	571	270	13	283
MALE	515	41	556	262	13	275
FEMALE	489	41	530	237	11	248
JUVENILE TOTAL	26	0	26	25	2	27
MALE	15	0	15	8	0	8
FEMALE	15	0	15	8	0	8
BLACK MALE	0	0	0	0	0	0
WHITE MALE	375	33	408	134	6	140
BLACK FEMALE	129	8	137	111	5	116
WHITE FEMALE	15	0	15	15	1	16
MIAMI BEACH RESIDENT	11	0	11	10	1	11
COUNTY RESIDENTS	43	1	44	30	1	31
FLORIDA RESIDENTS	181	19	200	93	1	94
FOREIGN RESIDENTS	152	12	164	47	4	51
	4	0	4	29	0	29

OUT OF STATE	128	9	137	40	6	46	76	0	76
UNKNOWN	22	0	22	31	1	32	19	0	19
FELONY TOTALS	106	9	115	44	2	46	58	0	58
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	1	0	1	1	1	2	0	0	0
AGGRAVATED BATTERY	5	0	5	5	0	5	4	0	4
ROBBERY	9	0	9	3	0	3	8	0	8
CCF	19	2	21	1	0	1	9	0	9
DRUGS	29	4	33	11	0	11	7	0	7
BATTERY ON P.O.	5	3	8	1	0	1	9	0	9
OTHER FELONYS	38	0	38	22	1	23	21	0	21
MISDEMEANORS	424	32	456	221	11	232	207	0	207
SIMPLE BATTERY	8	0	8	6	2	8	4	0	4
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	87	8	95	45	2	47	41	0	41
DISORDERLY INTOX	18	0	18	14	0	14	13	0	13
DRINKING IN PUBLIC	6	2	8	19	0	19	5	0	5
DRUGS	147	18	165	23	5	28	30	0	30
OTHER MISDEMEANORS	158	4	162	114	2	116	114	0	114
MOVES	2118	63	2181	1672	0	1672	1672	0	1672
LOUD MUSIC	1728	53	1781	1472	0	1472	1472	0	1472
PARKERS	74	0	74	87	0	87	87	0	87
CIVIL INFRACTIONS	390	10	400	200	0	200	196	0	196
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POLICE	3376	0	3376	3268	0	3268	3268	0	3268
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Minutes of July 19, 2005 Meeting:

MEETING CANCELLED FOR SUMMER BREAK

Minutes of August 16, 2005 Meeting:

Members present: Kathy Wolfarth
Carl Zablotny

Frank Kruszewski
Claire Warren

Jonathan Beloff
Faye Goldin
Luis Norda

Mike Finesilver
Sidney Goldin
Regina Suarez

Guests present:

Vacida Tiannes
Michael Vita
Rick Wolfe
William Fehr
John Fauela
Nelson Villafave
Det. Matt Ambre
Comm. Simon Cruz
David Phillips
Shai Ben-Ami
John Lin
Janet Jorgulesco
Dido Barrera
W.A. James
Paul Rene Jacober
Joe Fontana
Dennis Carman
Brian Bosserman
Michael-Alan Adamson
Henry Brunkhorst

Harvey Burstein
Steve Adkins
Edward DeCaso
John Lamas
Billy Kemp
Det. Gus Sanchez
Mayor David Dermer
Luis Morena
Cleveland Mcook
Jennie Yip
Tom Grizzle
Margarita Alcon
Heriberto Sanchez
Martin Haro
Areeb Naseer
AC Weinstein
Bruce Laurienzo
Gary Lisiewski
Javier Cabrera
Douglas Solomon

Hate Crime Discussion: Hate Crime Prevention Tips were reviewed. These include:

- Avoid walking alone
- Walk confidently, quickly, and directly
- Stay in well lit areas and avoid walking in shadows
- Walk close to the curb
- Avoid driveways, bushes, and alleys
- Don't be brave – run if you feel threatened
- Have your car keys in your hand
- Keep your car locked at all times, even while driving
- Avoid drunken behavior
- Do not respond to verbal taunts from any person or persons
- Report any crime or suspicious activity
- Call 911 if you see a violent crime in progress
- Report Bashing Incidents immediately – Hotline Phone Number 305 604-2110

Several issues were raised regarding the Police Department's response and handling of harassment complaints against the gay community. Much discussion was heard as it relates to past incidents of verbal harassment and the atmosphere of "thug" attitude towards the gay community. At the conclusion of the meeting several items were suggested as action steps that should be considered to deal with the situation.

- ☐ Utilization of a Goodwill Ambassador type program to have volunteers walk areas to help discourage or prevent these acts
- ☐ Assignment of Police Walking Beats to Washington Avenue during critical times to address improper behavior
- ☐ Training for Hotel, Restaurants, and Clubs to help address harassment and Hate crimes
- ☐ Distribution of our Hate Crime Hotline Cards to Clubs and establishments frequented by the gay community
- ☐ Designating a Point Person in our Criminal Investigations Unit for follow-up investigations on Hate Crimes

At the end of the meeting, Mayor Dermer designated Commissioner Cruz to be the point of contact for the Commission on this issue. A follow-up meeting will be scheduled in the next 60-90 days to evaluate the steps taken and progress made.

Minutes of September 20, 2005 Meeting:

MEETING CANCELLED DUE TO HURRICANE RITA

Minutes of October 18, 2005 Meeting:

Members present:	Carlos Piloto	Jonathan Beloff
	Frank Kruszewski	Brad Krassner
	Mike Finesilver	Kathy Wolfarth
	Faye Goldin	Carl Zabloutny
	Claire Warren	Sharon Kersten
	Sidney Goldin	Julian Linares
	Regina Suarez	Captain Lou Fata
	Major David Allen	A/C Pat Schneider
	Sgt. Tom Lederman	Comm.Candidate Dennis Ward

Discussion: Carl Zabloutny thanked the Police Department for their efforts to educate the community regarding hate crimes. Members of the committee wanted to know what they could do to assist the Police Department. The last effort they made as a committee was writing a letter to the City Manager regarding technology issues. Claire Warren inquired if citizens could volunteer with the Police Department. Volunteers are always welcome and there is a

process in place to screen potential volunteers and assign them to specific areas. The type of volunteer work that is generally done is of a clerical nature. The Patrol Division and Criminal Investigation Divisions have volunteers assisting with answering phones and helping with other general office duties. Captain Fata also suggested that a good way to help would be to allow the Police Department to use apartment/condo spaces for surveillance purposes. New committee member Carlos Piloto suggested a discussion of the MBPD's Homeland Security Plan for the next meeting.

Captain Lou Fata of the Strategic Investigations Unit conducted a presentation of the Miami Beach Police Department's efforts to combat narcotics and prostitution in the City. Captain Fata gave an overview on the specific drugs used and sold in the City and their effects on the users and the community. He included the results of efforts against drug trafficking and prostitution problems and what the community can do to assist. There were many questions asked and much debate on both issues. The following is a summary of his presentation:

SIU Duties: The Strategic Investigations Unit is responsible for the investigation of criminal violations involving:

- Narcotics
- Vice
- Prostitution
- Liquor Law Offenses
- Organized Crime Activity
- Gathering intelligence to aid in Homeland Defense

SIU accomplishes these tasks by working closely with all local, state and federal law enforcement agencies.

SIU Arrests in 2004: In 2004 SIU was responsible for making 1007 arrests including:

- 467 for narcotics
- 382 prostitution related offenses
- 30 for liquor sale violations

Miami Beach Seizures – In 2004, SIU confiscated:

- Over 1000 grams of cocaine
- Over 31 pounds of marijuana
- Over 1455 Estacy (MDMA) pills
- Over \$185,284 in drug proceeds
- Over 211 grams of Crystal Methamphetamine

SIU Task Force Seizures – SIU is also involved in several Task Forces which target drug smuggling, money laundering and other major crimes on an international level. In 2004, these Task Forces were responsible for:

- Over \$7.5 Million in currency seized
- Over 114 Kilos of cocaine seized

- Over 21 Kilos of heroin seized

Narcotic Crimes in Miami Beach – Impact of drugs:

- Possession or Sale is a felony in most cases
- Burglaries and Robberies support addictions
- Date Rape Drugs
- Money from sales is used to corrupt legal businesses (Money Laundering)

Means to Combat Drugs:

- Investigate complaints of drug sales
- Undercover details to target known drug areas
- Help distribute latest information on drug problems to department and public
- Work with federal, state and local agencies

New Narcotic Threat – Crystal Methamphetamine:

- Highly addictive, the high lasts longer than crack
- Relatively inexpensive to buy
- Manufactured in labs (can be made in a person's home)
- Dangerous fumes from manufacture can either explode or asphyxiate people in the immediate area

Vice Crimes – Strategies to Combat Vice Crimes:

- Undercover officers target prostitutes
- Reverse "stings" – arrest "johns"
- Work with the FBI on white slavery issues
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Minutes of November 15, 2005 Meeting:

Members present:	Mike Finesilver	Mark Tamis
	Frank Kruszewski	Claire Warren
	Brad Krassner	Luis Norda
	Faye Goldin	Sidney Goldin
	Regina Suarez	Kathy Wolfarth
	Carl Zablotny	Jerry Mandel
	Sgt. Rick Clements	

Discussion:

- Police Preparations during emergency situations
- Police Department preparedness and terrorism
- Incident Command System
- Terrorism Warning Point and the Miami-Dade County Tiered Terrorism Response System.

- Departmental training and distribution of Personal Protective Equipment
- Demonstration of all equipment including the gown, the M95 Gas Mask, Gloves, Protective Tape, and Boots.
- Explanation of Departmental procedures for natural disasters such as Hurricanes etc.

FUTURE ACTIVITIES:

POLICE/CITIZENS RELATIONS COMMITTEE 2006 CALENDAR

January 17, 2006	May 16, 2006	September 19, 2006
February 21, 2006	June 20, 2006	October 17, 2006
March 21, 2006	July 18, 2006	November 21, 2006
April 18, 2006	August 15, 2006	December 19, 2006

All of the above meetings will be held in the Community Room of the Miami Beach Police Department at 6:00 p.m.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- The Police/Citizen's Relations Committee provides the means for a better understanding of the policies and procedures of the Miami Beach Police Department.
- The Police/Citizen's Relations Committee affords the Miami Beach Police Department the opportunity to communicate to the community information regarding current events, changes in the Police Department, and allows for community concerns to be brought to the attention of the Chief of Police.

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COMMISSION APPOINTED SAFETY COMMITTEE

BOARD OR COMMITTEE NAME: Safety Committee
CHAIRPERSON: Mitch Korus
CITY LIAISON: Ron Caplan
NUMBER OF MEETINGS HELD SINCE JULY 2005: 4

ACTIVITY:

Inspect, report and communicate to various City Departments hazard found in North,
South and Middle Beach that could become a liability for the City.

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FUTURE ACTIVITIES

Identify City potential hazard on City property at parks on sidewalk on streets and on the beach.

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Demarcation along Collins Avenue.
Pedestrian crosswalk improvements.
Notification to Miami Dade County of missing streets and stop signs.
Missing information signs due to Hurricane Wilma.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE BI-ANNUAL REPORT FORM
JULY THROUGH DECEMBER 2005

BOARD OR COMMITTEE NAME: TRANSPORTATION & PARKING
CHAIRPERSON: STEPHEN NOSTRAND
CITY LIAISON: SAUL FRANCES
NUMBER OF MEETINGS HELD SINCE JULY 01, 2005: THREE (3)

NOTE:

NO MEETING WERE HELD IN JULY, AUGUST & OCTOBER

ACTIVITY:

September 12, 2005:

- Collins Park Basis of Design Report (BODR) – Presented by M.C. Harry & Assoc., and Keith Mizell
- South Beach Circulator, New Service by Miami-Dade Transit (MDT) – Presented by Fernando Vazquez
- Status Report Items:
 1. Parking (April, May & June 2005)
 2. New World Symphony Letter to Commission (LTC)

November 7, 2005:

- New World Symphony Update – by Tim Hemstreet & Kent Bonde
- Discussion on Bicycle Racks – by Christine Leduc
- Update on Hurricane Wilma – by Saul Frances
- Status Report Items:
 1. Parking (July 2005)

December 19, 2005:

- Discussion on Readjusting the Local route to the Cultural Campus and relocation of West Avenue leg to Alton Road – by Maria Echeverry & Miami-Dade Transit (MDT)
- Discussion on the Transportation and Parking Committee – by Saul Frances and Robert Middaugh
- Miami-Dade Transit (MDT) Weekly Pass Holder Pilot Program – by Jeff Bechdel
- Towing Contracts
- Status Report Items:
 1. City Garages in habitable spaces
 2. Parking (August 2005)

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

September 12, 2005:

Collins Park Basis of Design Report:

- **1st Motion:** Add additional parking spaces and still maintain the visual corridor
Committee members in favor: 11
Committee member opposed: 1

- **2nd Motion:** Restrict internal part of park to pedestrian use only
Committee members in favor: 8
Committee members opposed: 4

November 7, 2005:

Bicycle Racks:

- **Motion:** On mixed-use (bike paths), area be demarked to make it clear that pedestrians are going in one location and those on wheels are at another location and City to maximize the use of land to make width of paths as wide as possible

Committee members in favor: 11
Committee members opposed: 1

December 19, 2005:

Discussion on Readjusting the Local route to the Cultural Campus and relocation of West Avenue leg to Alton Road

- **MDT agreed to do a drive through with committee member to see route being recommended and/or proposed**

Discussion on the Transportation and Parking Committee

- **Option for Committee to expand responsibilities and representation of other organizations within the committee structure, such as:**
 1. **Physical composition (how committee is made up and how many members)**
 2. **Expansion of duties – more broad**
Ex: pick-up TMA and MDT related issues in lieu of forming another group to do this

Miami-Dade Transit (MDT) Weekly Pass Holder Pilot Program

- **Recommendation/suggestion to have date included on passes, so that they can be used for a one (1) week period**

Towing Contracts

- **Committee supports the Parking Department's recommendation to move forward with the renewal of the contracts for Beach & Tremont Towing**

All in favor

FUTURE ACTIVITIES:

• Appoint representative from TPC to GO Bond Oversight Committee
• TPC Member Composition and Mission
• Pedicab Ordinance
• Parking Rate Ordinance
• Coastal Communities Transportation Master Plan (CCTMP)
• Coastal Communities Transit Study (CCTS)
• 63 rd Street Flyover
• FDOT Projects
• Neighborhood Right-of-Way Improvement Projects
• City Center Traffic Impact Analysis
• Transit Facility (MDT/CMB)
• West Avenue Bridge
• Atlantic Greenway Network

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BOARD OR COMMITTEE NAME: Miami Beach Visitor and Convention Authority
CHAIRPERSON: Steven Haas (VCA)
CITY LIAISON: Hilda Fernandez, Assistant City Manager
NUMBER OF MEETINGS HELD SINCE July 1 2005 - Six (6)

ACTIVITY:

July 27, 2005 - strategy meeting to discuss

upcoming 05/06 fiscal year

August 23, 2005 - strategy meeting to discuss

ending of 04/05 fiscal year and new projects for 05/06.
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October 6, 2005 - Awarded first period grants

for 05/06 fiscal year for Tourism Partnerships,

New or One Time Special Event, Special Events

Recurring, and Special Projects grant

categories.

FUTURE ACTIVITIES

November 30, 2005 - Awarded grants in the -

Initiatives and Special Projects grant categories.

December 20, 2005 - Awarded second Period grants

January 11, 2006 - Awarded Festival season grants

Future Activities

The VCA will meet on February 9, 2006

to discuss various initiatives.

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